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In re application of Docket No: Q62474
 Carlos PEDRIDO, et al. Appeal No.: 2005-0584
 Appln. No.: 09/745,414 Group Art Unit: 1731
 Confirmation No.: 9890 Examiner: John M. HOFFMAN
 Filed: December 26, 2000

For: PREFORM INLET ARRANGEMENT FOR AN OPTICAL FIBER DRAWING FURNACE, A FURNACE PROVIDED WITH THAT KIND OF INLET ARRANGEMENT, AND A PREFORM EQUIPPED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THAT INLET ARRANGEMENT

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